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PRESS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA – Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of an indictment¹ charging Julius Juma Murray, a native and citizen of Sierra Leone, with making a false statement under oath in naturalization proceedings. Murray was previously arrested by federal agents on a complaint.

As alleged in prior filings, Murray entered the United States in September 1992 on a non-immigrant visitor visa, and later requested asylum in the United States. His asylum request was denied and he agreed to leave the United States when immigration authorities instituted deportation proceedings.

Murray returned to the United States several months later. On his application for a visa to return, Murray falsely stated under oath that he had not previously visited or lived in the United States and denied that he had ever applied for a visa to enter the United States.

On July 24, 2007, Murray applied to become a United States citizen. In his application, Murray falsely denied that he had ever given false information in applying for permission to enter the United States. On July 10, 2008, Murray re-affirmed under oath in his citizenship interview that his citizenship application was true and correct.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Julius Murray	Philadelphia, PA	51 years old

¹ An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 5 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, three years supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

This case was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Bea Witzleben and Vineet Gauri.

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